

Iron County Register.

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IRONTON, MISSOURI.

The house committee to investigate alleged hazing of Cadet Booz at West Point expects to begin its inquiry at West Point during the holidays.

The president, on the 10th, transmitted to congress extended reports on the agricultural resources of Porto Rico, with special reference to the establishment there of an agricultural experiment station.

Mr. Degetau, the newly-elected commissioner from Porto Rico, made his appearance at the capital, in Washington, on the 14th, for the first time, and was cordially welcomed by senators and representatives.

A rich land owner at Termini, near Palermo, Italy, has been kidnapped by brigands on his own property. His servants fled in dismay at the appearance of the band. Troops have been sent in pursuit of the brigands.

The late Robert Arlington, an eccentric gentleman of Leeds, England, who lived in a miserly manner in order to be able to devote his wealth to foreign missions, has left the London Missionary society over £250,000.

Edward Lloyd, the well-known tenor, gave a farewell concert in London on the 12th. Mr. Lloyd's voice showed no diminution of power or quality; but he is tired of public life, and retires to engage in the raising of fancy cattle.

Another serious landslide has occurred in Heholand. Thirty houses have been engulfed, and a considerable part of the island has been submerged. It has been impossible to send relief, and the losses have not yet been determined.

In presenting his report of the past four years of his administration, President Diaz says that Mexico's aim has been to develop public wealth, diffuse education, preserve peace, and, incidentally, to foster cordial relations with the United States.

The pension appropriation bill was completed, on the 13th, by the house sub-committee on appropriations having it in charge, after a hearing from Commissioner of Pensions Evans. It carries about \$145,250,000, of which about \$144,000,000 is for pensions and the balance for administration.

The supreme court of Ohio, on the 11th, dismissed the proceedings brought by former Attorney-General Monett, charging that the Standard Oil Co. was in contempt of court for having failed to comply with an order, issued in 1902, directing a dissolution of the Standard Oil trust.

The Iowa state agricultural convention, at Des Moines, adopted resolutions, on the 12th, favoring the creation of a national park at the headwaters of the Mississippi river, and the concentration of the control of government forest reservations under the department of agriculture.

The vote of New York, as announced by the state board of canvassers, on the 12th, shows the following totals: For president—McKinley, republican, 51,692; Bryan, democrat, 47,356; Maloney, social labor, 12,622; Woolley, prohibition, 25,043; Debs, social democrat, 12,869. McKinley's plurality, 143,606.

The close of the exposition, throwing thousands out of employment, has created abnormal criminal conditions in Paris. Crime is rampant at all hours, especially in the suburbs. The officials of the prefecture of police calculate that 2,000 sufferers from the exposition have joined the criminal army.

The report that the remains of 1,500 soldiers were brought home from the Philippines by the transport Hancock, is declared to be without foundation. The vessel brought only 11 corpses, ten being those of persons who died en route, and one which was transferred to the Hancock from the hospital ship Relief at Nagasaki.

Wheat is growing so rank in the Arkansas valley wheat belt, embracing territory that produced over forty million bushels last year, that the farmers are advertising to take stock free for the purpose of eating it down. The indications at this time for the crop are 25 per cent more favorable than they were at the same time last year.

The Washington auxiliary to the National Red Cross association, on the 11th, sent \$1,000 to Mr. John Seely, chairman of the relief committee at Galveston, Tex., to be used in providing shelter for the homeless. Another thousand will be sent soon by the auxiliary, which is receiving contributions from all parts of the United States.

A young Indian near Grand Rapids, Lake Winnepigoshish, Man., recently shot a moose, almost entirely white, and considered by the Indians to be sacred. When the fact became known in his tribe, there was great commotion, and he was tried by a council of medicine men, and will have to undergo a series of punishments of a most cruel character, which may cause his death.

The will of the late Senator Cushman K. Davis, who died November 27, was filed for probate at St. Paul, Minn., on the 12th, by Mrs. Anna M. Davis, the widow. The will, which is very concise, and was made during the senator's last illness, leaves all his estate to Mrs. Davis, and names the St. Paul Trust Co. as executor. The estate is valued at \$25,000 in personal and \$40,000 in real property.

With imposing ceremonies, on the 12th, the national capital celebrated the centennial anniversary of the founding of the seat of the federal government in Washington. The exercises combined a brilliant military parade, a review by the president from the east front of the house of representatives, with a reception at the Corcoran art gallery at night.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.
FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

[Second Session.]
In the senate, on the 10th, Hon. Charles A. Towne, recently appointed by the governor of Minnesota to succeed the late Senator Davis, took the oath of office. No business of importance was transacted in open session, the senate going into secret session on the Hay-Pauncefote treaty as soon as the routine business had been disposed of. In the house, the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was passed, after a reading of the bill occupied three hours and ten minutes' debate. The bill carries \$24,965,508. No other business was transacted.

In the senate, on the 11th, the oleomargarine bill passed by the house was sent to the committee on agriculture. An order directing that vacancies on several committees be filled by appointment of Senator Towne (Minn.) was ratified. The ship subsidy bill was taken up and Mr. (Cal.) delivered a speech in opposition to the measure. In the house, a resolution was adopted for the appointment of a committee of five members to investigate the alleged hazing of Cadet Booz, alleged as the result of hazing at the West Point military academy. The revenue reduction bill was then taken up.

In the senate, on the 12th, the Davis amendment to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty was adopted by vote of 62 to 31. A feature of the session was a three-hour speech by Senator Hanna in favor of the ship subsidy bill, which was listened to throughout with close attention by senators on both sides of the chamber. In the house the dull and uninteresting debate continued. Mr. Bartholdt criticized the action of the ways and means committee in passing a bill to cut in the tax on beer. The house adopted a joint resolution for the release of Oscar Booz, alleged to be the hazing victim, from December 21, to January 3, 1901.

In the senate, on the 14th, no business of importance was transacted. In the house, on the 14th, the senate went into executive session on the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and at half-past four o'clock resumed debate on the bill. The session was occupied with a further consideration of the war revenue bill, but the dispute regarding more than half of the proposed measure, the house adjourned.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The Standard theater, St. Louis, advertised as "The Home of Folly; Two Frolics a Week," managed by Congress, was closed by James Butler, of the Twelfth Missouri district, was gutted by fire, on the night of the 12th, following a very "warm" performance by the Utopian Burlesquers.

The coal trust is perfecting deals that will give it control of all the mines in the Wyoming and Lackawanna valleys, comprising about 100,000 acres of coal land in Carbonate, Pa. A number of options have already been secured.

The building, foundry and machinery of the Lane & Booley iron works, Cincinnati, were burned, on the night of the 13th, with a total loss of from \$200,000 to \$250,000. They were large manufacturers of saw mills, traction engines and many other articles.

The mail car on the Com. Belt passenger train from Waco to Memphis was entered, at midnight of the 12th, and robbed by two unknown white men, under masks, near Bassett, Tex., a small station about twenty miles south of Texarkana.

Mrs. August Beck, of Milwaukee, died in Chicago, on the night of the 14th, of injuries sustained by reason of the recent boiler explosion at the Northwestern railroad. The death of Mrs. Beck is the eighth to be charged to the explosion.

Representative Brosius, of Pennsylvania, on the 14th, introduced a resolution for a constitutional amendment designed to permanently fix the membership of the house of representatives at 357, the present number.

Frank H. Hamilton, in jail at Minneapolis, Minn., as a result of the killing of Millionaire Day, was arraigned in the district court, on the 14th, on a charge of murder in the first degree. His attorneys asked leave to withhold his plea until the 20th, which was granted.

The two-year-old daughter of Peter Eder, saloonkeeper of Elwood, Ind., fell into a ten-gallon kettle of soup, and, after being taken out, was killed by a hot iron, which was used to cook the soup, and was literally cooked before her screams brought assistance. Death resulted a few hours later.

Senator Vest, of Missouri, on the 14th, introduced a bill for the establishment, in connection with the department of justice, of a bureau of criminal identification. The measure is urged by the police superintendents of the United States.

The secretary of war has cabled instructions to Maj.-Gen. MacArthur, at Manila, to begin the work of returning the volunteer troops from the Philippines in order to permit of their discharge in this country by the 30th of June next. This action has been taken in anticipation of the authorization by congress of the enlistment of regular regiments to replace the recalled troops.

The statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the fund of redemption, issued on the 14th, showed: Available cash balance, \$138,949,445; gold, \$100,186,601.

An earthquake shock, lasting nearly a minute, was experienced in Joplin, Mo., on the 14th, at 7:45 a. m. The motion was from north to south, and of a quivering nature. No damage is reported.

Failures for the week ended on the 14th, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co., were 240 in the United States, against 218 last year, and 26 in Canada, against 26 last year.

The jury in the case of Jessie Morrison, for the killing of Mrs. Olin G. Castle, at Eldorado, Kas., could not agree on a verdict, and was discharged on the 14th. The jury stood nine for acquittal and three for guilty of manslaughter in the fourth degree.

The gang of desperadoes that robbed Doerschuck's bank at Shanesville, O., arrived at Bridgeport, W. Va., on the 14th, on the Massillon accommodation of the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling road. Two of the gang were captured, after a desperate encounter with officers and trainmen. Four others escaped.

Henry Zeimer, charged with subornation of perjury in connection with procuring divorces on false evidence, was found guilty in the New York court of general sessions, Recorder Goff presiding. The maximum punishment for the offense is ten years in state prison.

By the burning of the Fredonia State Normal and Training school, at Fredonia, N. Y., on the 14th, Phineas J. Morris, the aged janitor and six young lady pupils were cremated. It is said that heavy wire screens were nailed over the windows leading to the fire escapes.

News reached Southington, Conn., on the 14th, in the form of an official communication from Gen. MacArthur, that Lynn Skinner, a former resident of the village of Plantsville, has been sentenced to be shot on Christmas day for sleeping at his post on sentry duty in the Philippines.

Gen. Michael J. Bulger, a distinguished confederate and public man, died, on the 14th, at the home of his son, Hon. Thomas Bulger, at Dadeville, Ala. Gen. Bulger was the oldest confederate officer or veteran living, being 100 years of age.

The French government will not offer objection to any action of the United States congress regarding the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. They prefer that the Nicaragua canal should be neutral, but they appreciate the United States' strategic reasons for fortifying the canal.

A Brussels dispatch says: The Chateau Bel Oeil, the castle and summer residence of the prince of Ligne, dating from 1146, has been destroyed by fire. The paintings and most of the principal works of art which it contained were saved.

The report of the director of the mint on the production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1899 shows a total of \$71,053,400 in gold and \$32,853,700 in silver at its average commercial value.

Warrants were issued at Harrisburg, Ill., on the 14th, against John Jones and his wife, living near Whitesville bridge, five miles south of Harrisburg, upon a charge of having starved their 12-year-old paralytic daughter to death.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

In the senate, on the 15th, no business of importance was transacted in the open session, almost the entire legislative day being spent in executive session in further consideration of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. Senator Teller continuing his argument against the instrument. In the house the war revenue reduction bill was passed without the concurrence of the minority, who refrained from voting. The pension appropriation bill, carrying \$145,250,000, was passed in exactly 13 minutes.

Two negroes were hanged to a tree and riddled with bullets, by a frenzied mob at Rockport, Ind., on the 16th. Bud Rowlands, before he was strung up, confessed to the murder of Hollie Simons, a white barber, and implicated as accessories Jim Henderson and another colored man. Henderson was hanged, but when the mob went for the third victim, the latter's employer convinced them of his innocence by producing an alibi. This fact throws grave doubt upon the guilt of Henderson, who strongly affirmed his innocence to the last.

The German training frigate Gneisenau founded off Malaga, 65 miles northeast of Gibraltar, on the 16th. The vessel was overtaken by a violent storm, and went to the bottom, the masts only remaining above water. From shore the cadets could be seen clinging to the rigging and calling for help, but rapidly fell off and disappeared beneath the waves. The captain and it is believed, 140 of the people on board were drowned.

According to the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger 50 Cape Colony Boers, now in Amsterdam for their families, have been granted permission to settle in German Southwest Africa, the German government having assented to the purchase of lands by them in Damaraland and Great Namaqualand. The Boers will leave Amsterdam January 5.

Just as negotiations were about to be opened at Pekin, the British minister, under instructions from his government, demanded the modification of a point in the joint note, which would cause much delay, as all the ministers must, as a result, communicate anew with their governments.

Andrew Carnegie is considering the gift of a sum sufficient to endow a school for librarians at Winona, Ind., and it is said he looks on the plan with favor.

In the senate, on the 17th, during an open session of one hour, only the purest routine business was transacted. Mr. Chandler (N. H.) created a little flurry by an endeavor to again get up the resolution relating to the Montana senatorial case. The effort was futile. Most of the session was devoted to the consideration of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. In the house judicial districts were passed under suspension of the rules. One hundred and two private pension bills were passed.

A bill was unanimously passed placing Representative Charles A. Boutelle, of Maine, on the retired list as a captain in the navy.

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The Rockport (Ind.) mob which lynched two colored men, on the 16th, for the alleged murder of a white barber named Simon, followed the third negro suspected of complicity in the crime, to Booneville, Ind., where he had been taken for safe-keeping, on the 17th, and, after battering a hole in the side of the jail, took their victim to the jail yard and hung him aloft.

Justice Henry R. Beckman, of the New York supreme court, died in front of his residence in New York city on the 17th. He had just left his house to go to court. It is thought that death was due to heart disease caused by overwork. Mr. Beckman was 55 years old. He was born in New York, and lived there all his life.

It is apprehended at the state department that the reported intention of Great Britain to press, at this moment, for a settlement of the claims of her citizens against Turkey will have a disastrous effect upon our own negotiations in the interests of the American missions.

The taking of testimony in the case of Oscar L. Booz, the West Point cadet, who died recently from injuries which his parents allege were inflicted at the West Point military academy, was begun, on the 17th, by the board of inquiry appointed by the secretary of war.

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Recent Deaths.

Dr. E. A. Merrifield, aged 75, at a hospital in St. Louis. Dr. Merrifield was a charter member of the G. A. R. post of Macon. During the civil war he was a surgeon in the Army of the Potomac, having enlisted with an Illinois regiment.

Prof. August Waldauer, director of Beethoven conservatory of music, and a musician and composer of national reputation, at a St. Louis hospital. He had been ill about a week, suffering from an abscess on his back. He was more than 75 years old.

Edward Beaumont, of Hartville. He was born in England in 1818, and witnessed the coronation of Queen Victoria. Deceased located in Wright county from Tennessee in the 40s, and was appointed by Gov. Fletcher to reorganize Wright county after the civil war.

Why Mrs. Burnett Wants a Divorce.
Dianna Barnett, in her suit for divorce against Charles Barnett, filed at St. Louis, alleges that he made fun of her for studying English. When she married him she could not speak English, and was anxious to learn the language. Her husband objected, and she was compelled to prosecute her studies in his absence. On one occasion, she declares, he caught her reading a book and threw it at her. While living in Kansas City she was sick on one occasion, and asked her husband for money to get a physician, and he said to her, she alleges: "Oh, you are all right; the devil wouldn't take you."

Missouri Y. M. C. A.
The twenty-fourth annual convention of the Young Men's Christian association of Missouri was held at Moberly. The association has done great good in its meeting in Moberly. Many were surprised at its thoroughly evangelical spirit, and while its meetings were business-like from start to finish, the main point of doing good to the greatest number was never lost sight of.

Asphalt in Missouri.
An immense bed of asphalt has been discovered near the Missouri-Kansas line, six miles west of Joplin, near the Badger zinc mine. While sinking a prospect shaft the miners opened up a big cave, with black walls of peculiar substance, which proves to be asphaltum. The discovery is attracting considerable attention to that locality.

Between Kansas City and St. Joseph.
Articles of incorporation have been issued by Secretary of State Lesuer to the Kansas City & St. Joseph Railroad Co., of Kansas City. The capital stock of the company is \$1,500,000. The road is an electric line, and is chartered to run between Kansas City and St. Joseph, and to intermediate points.

A Novel Sight.
A novel sight was presented at Nevada the other day by the arrival of a flock of more than a thousand turkeys being driven overland 40 miles, from Jerico Springs. They were consigned to a local packing house. Only one turkey was lost in the trip, which required nearly four days.

Dockery and McKinley.
Governor-elect Dockery called at the White House, the other day, and had a pleasant chat with President McKinley. Cordial relations have always existed between the two, and the governor's short visit was made very pleasant.

Were Not Parted for Long.
Frank A. Hart, a barber at the Planters' hotel, St. Louis, died at a city hospital, as the result of a paralytic stroke, sustained on the day of his wife's funeral. His death occurred just one month after that of his wife.

Valuable Horses Burned.
The large livery barn of Houchins, Suggett & Lockridge at Fulton was destroyed by fire. Seven valuable horses were burned to death. Dr. J. H. Simons, a team. Total loss, \$8,000; insurance, \$6,500.

Found Guilty of Murder.
George Henry Clay, a negro, was found guilty of murder in the first degree by a jury in the Davies county circuit court. Clay is part Indian, his grandmother having been a half-blooded Creek.

More Free Delivery.
Galt, Grundy county, has secured free delivery; carrier, A. C. Wise; route, 24 miles; population, 630. Huntsville, Randolph county; carrier, Carl B. Raine; route, 23½ miles; population, 562.

Appointed Probate Judge.
Gov. Stephens has appointed W. H. Rush judge of the probate court of Webster county, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of E. W. Barnes.

A Methodist Revival.
The Methodists of Butler are holding a great revival. Rev. Mr. Jones, of Carthage, is conducting the services. Quite a large number of converts.

Looted and Burned.
The post office at Dongola, a small town near Leesville, was looted and burned. All of the post office fixtures and supplies were burned.

Smallpox at Kansas City.
There are more than forty cases of smallpox in St. George's hospital, at Kansas City. Only one death from the disease has occurred.

Christian Church Dedicated.
The new Christian church at Kirksville has been dedicated. Elder J. H. Garrison, of St. Louis, preached the dedicatory sermon.

Heir to Fortune and Title.
Henry Hoffman, of St. Louis, is said to be heir to part of a \$2,000,000 estate in Bavaria, and to the title, count.

For the National Guard.
Brig.-Gen. Clark, national guard of Missouri, will ask legislature for larger appropriation for the next two years.

Shot and Killed.
Near Caruth, Dunklin county, James W. Crabtree shot and killed Thomas J. Chandler. Both young farmers.

A ST. LOUIS SENSATION.

Policemen Charged with Accepting Hush Money from Female Panel Workers and Robbers.

ONE ARREST AND SIX SUSPENSIONS.

A Chance Remark Gave a Clew and "Snatching" Brought Out an Array of Charges that Led to a Trap Being Laid, Into Which One Officer Blithely Walked.

St. Louis, Dec. 18.—St. Louis has been rudely awakened to the fact that not only is there a vast amount of robbery of citizens and strangers going on in the vicinity of the union station, without an adequate police effort for its suppression, but that the police officers on the beats where the crimes are committed are actually fattening off the proceeds of the robberies by exacting a rake-off from the women who, for the most part, carry on the nefarious business. The Globe-Democrat says:

Officers in the Tolls.
"One officer of the Central police district was arrested, yesterday, one suspended and five others rest under charges, two rather slight, made in confessions of negro panel-workers, of accepting bribes to protect criminals from arrest. In the confessions of the women, in part borne out by developments, the assertion was made that in the past five years enough money had been stolen under protection on certain blocks in the vicinity of union station to pay for the real estate embraced in them, and more. The confessions and accompanying developments add confirmation to the story told on the witness stand in the court of criminal correction a few days ago to the effect that the witness, the defendant also, was arrested for a disturbance of the peace resulting from a quarrel over a balance left from a bribe of \$2 paid to a police officer for protection for his negro mistress, who had committed a robbery.

The confessions made were by Marie King and Jennie Winn, both negroes, and followed their release on bond after warrant for relieving a victim of \$80. A chance remark led to their being svented, and following that a trap was set, one of the officers mentioned in the confessions being caught accepting \$10 as part of a bribe, based on a 25 per cent. division of the robbery for which the women had been arrested. The officer arrested in the case was Dennis Ryan. The others mentioned in the confession were Richard Kennedy, John J. Noonan, Louis Lang, Joseph Kohrs, John Lawton and Albert Kuehner, all of the Central district. Of these, Kuehner was suspended when he reported at roll-call at 11 o'clock last night. Kennedy and Lang reported ill, and Noonan reported that his child had died during the day. No action was therefore taken in these cases. They will be suspended at their homes this morning by their sergeants. The whole case goes before the grand jury to-day, and the police board to-morrow."

Four Indictments.
At 1:30 p. m. Monday the grand jury found indictment against Police-men Ryan, Kennedy, Noonan and Lang, charging them with accepting bribes. None were found against Lawton, Kohrs and Kuehner. The Chronicle says:

Worst Yet to Come.
The worst part is to come. It is avowed that the detective force, or rather, a part of it, is notoriously "open to gifts" from confidence men, and from a most reliable source it is learned that certain confidence men have promised to "talk" as soon as Chief Campbell summons them to appear before him. The grand jury will hear all of the startling testimony which is said to be forthcoming.

FUTILE ATTEMPT AT RESCUE.
Three Men Attempted to Rescue Sol Temple From Sheriff Butts, of Enid, Okla.

Wichita, Kas., Dec. 18.—Sunday night, on the Santa Fe train near Emporia, three men tried to rescue Sol Temple, from Sheriff Butts of Enid, Okla. Temple, some months ago, held up Sheriff Butts, who had him in charge for larceny, bound him and went off with the sheriff's team. He was arrested last week in Kansas City, and was on his way to Enid when supposed cronies attacked Butts to secure the release of Temple. Sheriff Simons of this county was aboard the train. He assisted Butts, and the three desperadoes were driven off. They escaped from the train at the next station. Temple did not succeed in escaping.

Texas-Oklahoma Boundary.
Washington, Dec. 18.—A bill was passed authorizing the secretary of the interior to fix the boundary between Texas and Oklahoma, and to inquire into the claims of the state of Texas for moneys expended while Greer county was a part of Texas.

A Feud at Eldorado.
Eldorado, Kas., Dec. 18.—Since the mistrial and discharge of the jury in the Jessie Morrison case public opinion has divided almost to the extent of a feud, the female factions being exceptionally prominent and bitter.

Liverpool Grain Imports.
Liverpool, Dec. 18.—The imports of wheat into Liverpool last week were: From Atlantic ports 41,500 quarters; from Pacific ports none. From other ports 14,000 quarters. The imports of corn from Atlantic ports last week were 105,900 quarters.

Roland Reed Worse.
New York, Dec. 18.—Roland Reed, who has been ill for some time at St. Luke's hospital, is worse. At the hospital it was said his condition has become critical.

POLITICS ARE TAKING ROOT.

First Political Party Under the American Regime Being Formed in the Philippines.

Manila, Dec. 18.—Advises just received from Ilo Ilo, Island of Panay, say that the insurgents, Saturday night, burned a large part of the village of Cabatuan. Assistant Surgeon Frederick A. Washburn, Jr., of the Twenty-sixth volunteer infantry, with 18 men, held the principal buildings. A strong wind was blowing at the time. The Americans sustained no casualties.

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Several of the more intelligent Filipino leaders, who have been instrumental in bringing the matter to a head, have been in conference with those interested and believe the platform will be outlined to the Philippine commission by Senor Buencamino, former premier, in the so-called government of Aguinaldo, Col. Auiles and Dr. Frank S. Bourne, an American, formerly chief surgeon with the rank of major, and health officer of Manila. Dr. Bourne was with Prof. Deane Worcester prior to the outbreak, and has confidential relations with the Filipino leaders.

The commissioners are not likely to give public expression to their views regarding the formation of political parties.

REPORT OF ANOTHER BATTLE.

A Boer Force Said to Have Been Defeated, with Heavy Loss, at Orange River.

London, Dec. 17, 5:10 p. m.—The report of another severe battle, resulting in a British victory, is current here. According to the story, the fighting began at daybreak and lasted for several hours. The Boers, who numbered from 1,500 to 2,000 men, were surrounded at the Orange River and totally defeated with heavy losses in killed and wounded. A number of Boers, it is added, were captured.

DE WET WAS TWICE REPULSED.

The Third Time He Led in Person and Broke the British Line.

Maseru, Dec. 16.—It appears that DeWet's force was twice repulsed before it broke through the British lines in the neighborhood of Thaba N'Chu. In the third attack DeWet led in person. With a few dedicated men he charged and broke the British lines, the rest of the command following. He was forced, however, to leave in the hands of the British a 15-pounder and 15 wagons with ammunition and stores.

Commandant Haasbroek, with a commando and two guns, tried to get through Spicgats Nek, but was driven back, losing 40 men.

SHOULD GIVE AN EQUIVALENT.

"The Westminster Gazette" on the United States Senate's Attitude on the Treaty.

London, Dec. 18.—Discussing the attitude of the United States senate relative to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, the Westminster Gazette says that it is perfectly natural the United States should desire to exact guarantees against the use of the Nicaragua canal by an enemy in the event of war. The article in question declares, however, that because America desires a concession is not sufficient reason for taking it without giving an equivalent in return, and suggests that "a way out of the difficulty is to settle the vexatious Alaskan boundary against the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty."

FOLLOWS THE SHELTON IDEA.

Rev. Joseph Parker Puts Out His First Edition of the London Sun in a Sheldon.

London, Dec. 18.—The first issue of the London Sun under the editorship of Rev. Dr. Joseph Parker, pastor of the City Temple, has appeared. The column where the day's betting is usually published contains, under the caption, "latest news," "the wages of sin is death," and other familiar texts, followed up by vigorous protests against gambling. The article declares, "if a paper can not live six days without pandering to the gamblers, the drunkard and the sensualist, let it wither away."

In another editorial Dr. Parker urges the magistrates to "apply the cat and wiper out Hooliganism." Otherwise the paper is much the same as usual, the advertising columns being filled with company prospectuses and the news columns announcing "Another Ghastly East Indian Tragedy."

Court-Martial of Capt. Steedman.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Capt. Richard R. Steedman, Eleventh infantry, was tried by a general court-martial, of which Lieut.-Col. Charles L. Davis, Eleventh infantry, was president, at San Juan, P. R., on a charge of "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman." The court found him "guilty of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline," and sentenced him to be reprimanded in general orders and reduced in rank 50 numbers on the list of captains of infantry.

Seeing Things at Night.

Cincinnati, Dec. 18.—The duke of Manchester was shown Cincinnati after midnight. Among the places visited were a negro dance hall, where he saw a cake walk, and a cheap lodging house occupied by men who buy floor space for five cents per night.

Woman Suffrage in Porto Rico.
San Juan, P. R., Dec. 18.—In the house of delegates yesterday Mr. Despartes introduced a bill granting unrestricted suffrage to women on the same terms as men.

GOULDS MAKE RESPONSE.

The Suit Begun in New York to Tie Up the Castellans Income.

THE GOULDS QUESTION JURISDICTION.

They Also Allege that the Plaintiff is Not the Real Party in Interest, and that the Countess de Castellane is Not Responsible for the Debits.

New York, Dec. 18.—An answer was made in the suit of Anton J. Dittmar against George J. Gould, Edwin Gould, Howard Gould and Helen M. Gould, as trustees under the last will and testament of the late Jay Gould, to restrain them from continuing to pay the countess and Boni de Castellane the income of the co-trust from the estate of Jay Gould.

The defendants allege that the supreme court of this state has no jurisdiction of the person of the count de Castellane or Anna Gould, countess de Castellane, the alleged debtors; that they had not, either of them, been served with the summons in the action, and have not appeared therein, and that the court is, therefore, without jurisdiction to decide the question of how much of income is necessary to the proper support and maintenance of the countess of Castellane.

The defendants also allege that the plaintiff is not the real party in interest, and that the alleged assignment and transfer to him of the alleged drafts and acceptances, and claims, and causes of action are without consideration and void; and transfer to said plaintiff, Asher Wertheimer, plaintiff's alleged assignor, was not the owner or holder of the said drafts and acceptances, or claims or causes of action, but had sold them to Julius Cohen &